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Psychological Warfare material from Austria

1. During a meeting with CSW on 5 June 1953, V-3597 displayed, for the interest of all participants, a copy of RODE PRAVO dated 20 November 1953. I was told that it was an exact copy of the real newspaper in every detail. The most interesting item was pictures of five or six of the present leading members of the government (on the front page, I believe), under each of which was the reason for their being tried and purged from the Czechoslovakian government. (As of November 1953). It was also told that the texts of the remainder of the articles were such that they could pass relatively unnoticed this coming November.

2. When I attempted to obtain further details on the source of this obvious PW material, V-3597 stated only that he had obtained it recently in Austria from a personal friend with whom he had no IS dealings and would therefore prefer not to name.

3. At the next opportunity, I will again press V-3597 on this matter. In the meantime, can the source of this material be identified? If it is KUGOWN material, what specific FOB action is requested?

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